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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered in the specification. The amendments to the specification are of an editorial nature to correct minor misspellings which occurred during preparation of the application and to correct the notation to reference to the formula (II). Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the specification do not enter new matter but correct minor errors which occurred during preparation of the application.

The claims have been amended to place them in better form for examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The compounds of formula (II) are a sub genus of the compounds of the formula (I). Applicants submit that it is unusual to have a genus and a sub genus in a single claim. Applicants therefore place the sub genus in a claim dependent upon the main claim directed to the genus. The dependent claims are similar to dependent claims 28-35 which have been canceled. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the claims in their amended form.

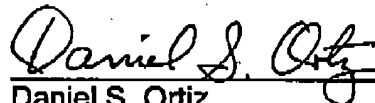
The amended claims are directed to a process for treating textile fibers whereby pilling of the textile fibers is improved. That is, the amount of pilling which occurs is less than textiles with fibers which have not been contacted with the aqueous composition of the invention.

To comply with the requirement for an election of species, Applicants elect with traverse compounds of formula (II) wherein AO are C_3H_5O units and/or C_2H_4O units, the sum of $x + y + z$ equals 10 to 100 and R^n is $OC-CH_2-S-SO_3M$.

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Applicants respectfully request that the requirement for an election of species be reconsidered. All of the compounds useful in the practice of the present invention are alkoxylated alcohols which have been capped with sulfur containing groups. Although the alkoxylation can contain a range of alkoxy groups of three different types and mixtures thereof. However, Applicants submit that the compounds are very similar and differ only in the number of alkoxy chains which are attached to the basic alcohol structure. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the requirement for the election of species be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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